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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Tema Posalska
4 Bauer on the occasion of her 100th birthday on May 5, 2016; and

5 WHEREAS, Tema Bauer was born on May 5, 1916, the youngest
6 of nine children in a very religious Jewish family in Lodz,
7 Poland, which at the time, had the second largest Jewish
8 population in Poland and the largest Jewish population in
9 Europe with 3.3 million; and

10 WHEREAS, Tema Bauer persisted in life against great odds,
11 becoming one of less than 300,000 Polish Jews to survive the
12 Holocaust; and

13 WHEREAS, Tema Bauer began her solitary journey when at the
14 age 23, she was left alone, supposedly temporarily, to close up
15 the house in Lodz when her parents and older sister left after
16 the Nazi invasion of Poland; the Nazis relocated her to a
17 Jewish ghetto and she never saw her parents or any of her
18 brothers or sisters again; she worked in the ghetto kitchen for
19 children until 1942 when all children were deported to
20 concentration camps; she was then deported to a slave labor
21 camp in Skarzysko-Kamienna, a journey which took three days in
22 a standing room-only train car with no food, water, or bathroom

1 facilities; and

2 WHEREAS, In August of 1944, as the Russians approached,
3 Tema Bauer was sent to work in an ammunition factory in
4 Leipzig, Germany; during an Allied bombing of the camp in
5 February, her arm was severed at the elbow and, even without
6 antibiotics, she had the tenacity to stay alive and to survive
7 a six-day death march two months later; and

8 WHEREAS, After liberation, Tema Bauer returned to Lodz to
9 find out that her parents, eight brothers and sisters and their
10 spouses, and her eighteen nieces and nephews had all been
11 murdered by the Nazis, most of them gassed to death; and

12 WHEREAS, Tema Bauer fell in love with Morris Bauer, whom
13 she had known from her stay in the ghetto and, who upon seeing
14 the loss of her arm, told her that he would always take care of
15 her, which he did from when they married on October 1, 1945
16 until he died shortly before their 50th wedding anniversary;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Tema and Morris Bauer immigrated to Chicago in
19 1949, where they raised two sons and enjoyed being grandparents
20 to three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; today,
21 she resides in and closely follow the current events and
22 politics of her adopted city; and

1 WHEREAS, Tema Bauer continues to show her amazing memory
2 and her strong will in everything she does; her life has been
3 and remains a blessing and inspiration to her family and to all
4 who know her; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
6 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
7 congratulate Tema Posalska Bauer on her 100 birthday and we
8 wish her many happy and healthy years to come; and be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to Tema Bauer as an expression of our esteem and
12 respect.